

Foley, Tip O'Neill, Carl Albert, John McCormick and Sam Rayburn all belonged to the Elks. Hale Boggs of Louisiana was also an Elk. Presidents Harding, FDR, Truman, Kennedy and Ford were all Elks lodge members.

Local Elks lodges provide recreational and support facilities for the entire family and are the focal point for many community service projects. Lodge 481 members in Belleville log in thousands of hours in volunteer service to charitable, educational and patriotic causes in our community. Chartered in 1899, Lodge 481 continues to be an asset to the community. This lodge sponsors baseball, softball, football and soccer leagues in the area. They organize blood drives, help local scouts and provide their facilities free of charge to local fund raising efforts.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the 100 years of service of the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks Lodge 481 and salute members of the lodge both past and present.

TRIBUTE TO CAL FARMER—EDUCATOR FOR YOUTH AND INDUSTRY

HON. STEPHEN HORN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 1, 2000

Mr. HORN. Mr. Speaker, recently, one of my constituents, Dr. Cal Farmer, was honored by his many friends and colleagues for his lifelong dedication to vocational education and its vital role in equipping young people for success in the complex and increasingly technical industries of our community, state, and nation.

The specialized field of vocational education has grown rapidly over the past decade and for its many students in our community, Cal Farmer's energetic leadership has continuously pushed for higher standards and broader goals at every level.

Cal's efforts with the Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) program, as an advisor and as a consultant, have brought thousands of high school and college students to a new level of understanding of the value of vocational education. At the same time, his work with the American Vocational Association (AVA) has expanded his vision to both California and national programs.

Industries large and small have come to realize that their interests and needs are best served by educated employees, and students are best served by opportunities to participate in workforce training while in school.

Even beyond formal educational pursuits, Cal has brought vigor and vision to many community services: Boy Scouts, American Cancer Society, Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Long Beach Associates (DLBA), Navy League, Pubic Corporation of the Arts, Propeller Club, and many others. His busy and productive life remains an inspiration for countless others. I wish him well in his many continuing endeavors.

COLORADO NURSERY PERSON OF THE YEAR, DENNIS HILL

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 1, 2000

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to recognize the Associated Landscape Contractors of Colorado's Nursery Person of the Year, Dennis Hill.

Dennis won the award from the Excellence In Landscape Design Competition. Dennis has worked for twenty years in the industry. He was first an independent landscape contractor and presently a retail nursery. Owner of the nursery Bookcliff Gardens, Dennis admits that a love of gardening is only part of the job. He also thrives on being involved with people. He says that he gardens for two reasons: for the shade and for the beauty and peace.

In addition to the individual award that Dennis received, his business also received the Merit Award in Landscape Construction in the Single Family Residential category.

It is with this, Mr. Speaker, that I offer this tribute in honor of Dennis Hill and Bookcliff Gardens. He has brought dedication and professionalism to his profession.

IN HONOR OF COMMANDER GREGORY BAEPLER

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 1, 2000

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Commander Gregory Baeppler, a thirty year veteran of the Cleveland Police Department.

Gregory Baeppler was appointed to the Cleveland Police Department on October 17, 1969. Throughout his career Gregory Baeppler has excelled at civil service tests as well as in the field. Baeppler was promoted to Sergeant on November 6, 1976, to the rank of Lieutenant on July 26, 1982, and then the rank of Captain on July 18, 1985.

On April 14, 1986, Gregory Baeppler was appointed to the rank of Commander of Police and he has successfully held the rank of Commander longer than any other person in the history of the Cleveland Police Department. Commander Baeppler was in charge of the sixth district from his appointment until August 29, 1988, when he transferred and was assigned as Commander of the Second District. From August 29, 1988, until the retirement of Commander Baeppler, the Second District usually led the city in every measurement of importance.

Throughout his years on the force Commander Baeppler has shown leadership qualities that have caused him to be pursued by the private sector. He has been in charge of security for a vast array of sporting events and concerts.

Commander Baeppler's retirement brings a close to an exemplary thirty year career.

My fellow colleagues please join me in honoring Commander Baeppler, a true beacon in the Cleveland community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CAROLYN C. KILPATRICK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 1, 2000

Ms. KILPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, on February 29 and March 1, a family emergency prevented my return to Washington, D.C. and I missed rollcall votes Nos. 26, 27, 28. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on S. 613, The Indian Tribal Economic Development and Contract Encouragement Act; "yes" on H.R. 5, Senior Citizens' Freedom to Work Act; and "yes" on the Senate amendments to H.R. 1883, Iran Nonproliferation Act.

TARIFF CORRECTION BILL

HON. DONALD A. MANZULLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 1, 2000

Mr. MANZULLO. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, I introduced a miscellaneous tariff correction bill (H.R. 3715) that will be one tool to help keep the remaining cathode ray tube and computer display screen manufacturers in the United States.

Monochrome glass envelopes are used to make cathode ray tubes that provide the "light" behind the computer monitor. When the tariff on monochrome glass envelopes was first proposed, there were American manufacturers of this product. But over the last few years, the final American manufacturer of monochrome glass envelopes decided to get out of the business. Thus, the tariff duty designed to provide a modest level of protection for U.S. makers of monochrome glass envelopes no longer serves its purpose. In fact, the import duty is now hurting the international competitiveness of U.S. cathode ray tube and computer display screen manufacturers.

Other foreign competitors are able to purchase monochrome glass envelopes without this tariff. Thus, they are able to price their computer monitors in the U.S. more competitively than U.S. manufacturers of equivalent product. Mr. Speaker, there should not be a U.S.-government imposed incentive for Americans to buy foreign computer display screens! That's why I ask my colleagues to support the inclusion of H.R. 3715 into the comprehensive miscellaneous tariff correction bill to be taken up by the House later this year. We need to remove the import tariff on monochrome glass envelopes so that American manufacturers of cathode ray tubes and computer monitors can compete on a more equal footing with their foreign counterparts.

HONORING LAURENE KNUPP

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 1, 2000

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to recognize a woman who has meant so much to the community of Eagle, Colorado. Laurene Knupp has lived in Eagle for all but a few of her 82 years. She

attended elementary school and high school in Eagle, a small town of 200 citizens at the time. Laurene has witnessed many changes in her hometown. Growth can be a good thing, but Laurene misses the days of knowing everyone in town.

After high school Laurene attended Junior College in Grand Junction, then Teacher's College in Greeley, Colorado (now University of Northern Colorado) where she majored in elementary education. She earned enough credits to teach for one year. She continued to teach and go to summer school for years. She confesses that it took 18 years to earn her degree.

Laurene was teaching in Oak Creek in 1941 when the United States entered World War II. She decided to take the place of the Deputy County Clerk in Eagle when the clerk was drafted. During that time she met and married Donald Knupp. She put work and teaching aside for nine years to start a family. When she returned to teaching, she taught for 25 more years. She retired in 1981.

Even though Laurene is retired, she is still very involved in her community. She maintains a keen interest in school and community affairs. She serves on the building committee for the Methodist Church, secretary/treasurer for the board of directors for Eagle Valley Medical Center and on the Retired Teachers Association. She has lunch regularly at the Eagle Senior Center and enjoys playing bridge with her friends.

It is with this, Mr. Speaker, that I would like to offer this tribute in honor of a staple in the Eagle community. Laurene Knupp is a great woman who has given endlessly to her community.

HONORING 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ILLINOIS PTA

HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 1, 2000

Mr. COSTELLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the 100th anniversary of the Illinois Parent Teachers Association (PTA).

The Illinois PTA was founded May 30, 1900 and is part of the largest child advocacy organization in the United States. PTA is a not-for-profit association of parents, educators, students, and other citizens active in their schools and their communities. PTA is a leader in reminding our Nation of its obligations to children. In the United States, PTA has over 6.5 million members working in 26,000 local chapters in all 50 States, the District of Columbia, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and in Department of Defense schools in the Pacific and in Europe.

The mission of the PTA is three-fold: to support and speak on behalf of children and youth in the schools, in the community and before government bodies and other organizations that make decisions affecting children. Second, they assist parents in developing the skills they need to raise and protect their children, and third, to encourage parent and public involvement in the public schools. PTA's objectives include promoting the welfare of children and youth in the home, school, place of worship, and in the community. PTA strives

to raise the standards of home life and secure adequate laws for the care and protection of children. PTA also brings a closer relationship to the home, school, and work to develop cooperative efforts between parents and teachers.

During the past 100 years, whenever children's issues are jeopardized, the PTA has responded promptly, taking a leadership role in identifying solutions and advocating change. PTA knows the benefits of parent involvement. This is why parent involvement is central to all PTA programs. The Illinois PTA is involved in developing before and after school programs, block grants, charter schools, class size reduction, health services, nutritional issues, professional development, reading programs, tobacco and violence prevention. The Illinois PTA has been at the forefront of children first and that is why they are hosting the national PTA convention this year.

PTA's within my congressional district are involved with many activities that support the needs of children and youth. From before and after school programs to after prom parties, PTA has provided a leadership role in our local educational support system.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the 100 years of service of the Illinois PTA organization.

TRIBUTE TO ROBERT S. JOE, U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

HON. STEPHEN HORN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 1, 2000

Mr. HORN. Mr. Speaker, Southern California owes much of what it is today to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The Corps built our ports—now the largest port complex in the Americas—it protected us from flooding, it helped us rebuild from earthquakes and other disasters, and helped give us water to drink. Today, the Corps is even helping repair our schools. Southern California would be a very different place had it not been for the work of the Corps of Engineers over the past century.

For the past 30 years, one person in particular has stood out among the many excellent members of the Corps in California. For 30 years, Robert Joe has played an integral part in the myriad activities the Corps is involved in. This month, Bob is retiring from the Corps and his position as Deputy District Engineer for Programs and Project Management for the Los Angeles District of the Corps. We will miss him sorely.

Bob is retiring from a position in which he directed a \$300 million operational budget. Before serving in his current position, Bob ran the planning division for 11 years. He managed the vital projects that helped people stretching from Los Angeles to Phoenix and Las Vegas. In my own area, Bob has been a key to the success of keeping the ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles the leaders in the country and restoring flood control protection to 500,000 people in southern Los Angeles County. All of my colleagues from the Southwest can point to their own examples of how Bob Joe and the Corps helped the people they represent.

Mr. Speaker, Bob Joe has been a professional colleague and a good friend to me

since I was elected to Congress. He has provided immeasurable help to the people I have the privilege to represent. I join my other colleagues in wishing Bob much happiness and success in the future.

IN HONOR OF MR. JUSTICE MICHAEL MORIARTY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 1, 2000

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Justice Michael Moriarty, pillar of the legal community in Ireland and a man who has dedicated his life to justice.

Mr. Moriarty was born in Belfast, later relocating to Dublin, Ireland in 1960. He attended college in Dublin, completed his legal education in Kings Inn, and was called to the Bar in 1968. In 1982, he became a senior counsel, and four years later he was appointed Chairman of the Employment Appeals Tribunal. In 1987, he embarked on his judicial career when he became a Circuit Court Judge. He was then appointed to the High Court in 1996.

Recently, Justice Michael Moriarty was appointed as the head of the tribunal of Inquiry, a body responsible for investigating and reporting financial irregularities involving government officials in Ireland. The scope of the investigations and the zeal Mr. Moriarty has shown for his work has caused the media to rename the Tribunal of Inquiry the Moriarty Tribunal.

Justice Michael Moriarty is married to Ms. Mary Irvine, Senior Counsel. He is the father of a son and two daughters. Currently, he and his family reside in Blackrock, Co. Dublin.

My fellow colleagues, please join me in welcoming Mr. Moriarty to Cleveland as the honored guest at this year's St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 17, 2000.

HONORING THE STATE CHAMPION GRAND JUNCTION HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE BOWL TEAM

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 1, 2000

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to congratulate the Grand Junction High School Science Bowl Team on winning the state competition for the sciences.

The team from Grand Junction High School won first place in the state competition for the Colorado Science Bowl in Golden, Colorado. As a result of this victory, the team will travel to Washington, DC to compete at the national level in the United States Department of Energy's National Science Bowl.

The students on this team have demonstrated remarkable talent and knowledge in the areas of physics, chemistry, astronomy, earth science and mathematics. The students are to be commended for their dedication to learning the finer points of these fields.

It is with this, Mr. Speaker, that I would like to offer this tribute to all the members of the team and their faculty sponsor. Congratulations, Tony Arcieri, Brianna Blume, Ariane